

Southport Inquiry

RESTRICTION ORDER

ANONYMITY AND RELATED PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF THE SOUTHPORT ATTACK PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

This Order should be read in conjunction with the following earlier Orders which continue to have effect:

- (a) Order of HHJ Menary KC sitting in Liverpool Crown Court dated 1 August 2024; and
- (b) Order of The Hon. Mr Justice Goose sitting in the High Court of Justice, at Liverpool Crown Court dated 18 December 2024.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. **“Victims and family members granted anonymity”.**

For the purposes of this Inquiry, with the exception in paragraphs 2 below all of the victims of the attack and their family members shall be granted anonymity and will be known by the following ciphers both in documentary disclosure and in the Inquiry’s hearings.

Physically and psychologically injured children

Child C1; Child C2; Child C3; Child C4; Child C5; Child C6; Child C7; Child C8.

Psychologically injured children

Child J; Child K; Child L; Child M; Child N; Child O; Child P; Child Q; Child R; Child S; Child T; Child U; Child V; Child W; Child X.

The family members of these children shall be known in this Inquiry by ciphers such that (for example), the mother of Child Q will be known as Q-M. Fathers will be given the suffix “-F”; and where relevant suffixes for Brother, Sister, Aunt, Uncle.

2. **“Named victims and family members”.**

- a. Since their names are already in the public domain, the names of the girls who were murdered (Bebe King, Alice da Silva Aguiar, Elsie Dot Stancombe) and their parents will be known by their real names.
- b. Since their names are already in the public domain, the adult victims Leanne Lucas, Heidi Liddle and Jonathan Hayes, will be known by their real names.

3. **Protection for victims and family members granted anonymity.** This Order prohibits the publishing or broadcasting in any newspaper, magazine, public computer work, internet website, social media application, sound or television broadcast or cable or satellite programme service or any media broadcast of:

- a. Their names;
- b. Their dates of birth;
- c. Any photographic or other image of them;
- d. Their addresses;
- e. Their school, educational establishment or workplaces;
- f. Any other particular likely or calculated to lead to the identification of any of them.

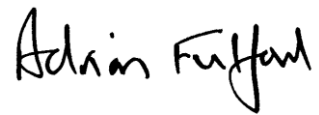
This paragraph only prohibits such publication or broadcasting if the matter being published or broadcast is either on its own or if taken in conjunction with any other material in the public domain likely or calculated to be likely to connect them to the Southport attack or the criminal proceedings against Axel Rudakubana.

4. **Protection for named victims and family members.** No reporting of or in relation to this Inquiry (whether by the publishing or broadcasting in any newspaper, magazine, public computer work, internet website, social media application, sound or television broadcast or cable or satellite programme service or any media broadcast) may reveal:
 - a. Their home addresses;
 - b. Their workplaces (save that the workplace of Jonathan Hayes, which is in the public domain as being adjacent to the site of the attack, may be reported);
 - c. The name of the siblings of any of the murdered girls;
 - d. The school or other educational establishment attended by the siblings of any of the murdered girls.
5. Where there is any inadvertent mention during the Inquiry hearings of any of the matters protected by the above orders (for example the name of an anonymous witness), then:
 - a. The public transcript of the Inquiry's hearing and where applicable the video recording of the Inquiry's hearing shall be edited as necessary to redact this information.
 - b. A record of the edits made to the recording and/or transcript shall be retained by the Inquiry as an annex to this Restriction Order.
 - c. Notwithstanding the inadvertent mention of such information in the hearing, the orders above shall remain in force and the disclosure or publication of that redacted information remains expressly prohibited by this Order.
6. The provisions of paragraph 5, above, shall apply equally to evidence given as part of the impact evidence received by the Inquiry. Although the names of anonymous victims will be ciphered in such evidence, such evidence may contain information (such as physical descriptions or family information) which would tend to identify those granted the protections in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and such information must not be published notwithstanding that it is read in Court as part of the impact evidence.
7. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless varied in accordance with the provisions of section 20(3) or (4) of the Act.
8. Any person affected by this Order may apply in accordance with section 20 of the Act to vary its terms.

9. Any threat to break such an order, or any breach of it, may be certified to the High Court or under section 36 of the Act.

PENAL NOTICE

The High Court has the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Fuffard". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chair

The Southport Public Inquiry

6 July 2025